

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Net Neutrality and against the adoption of Proposal 17-108. An equal playing field is key to keeping access to the internet high, and promoting innovation and growth. My father ran an internet business; I can state with complete confidence that in the absence of net neutrality controls, he would not have been able to get his business off the ground. Removing the controls would lead to an ossification of the market, and a stark decline in user freedom. My experience dealing with the results of telecommunications oligopolies in phone and cable leads me to believe that removing net neutrality would be seriously harmful.

For the internet to flourish, it is paramount that it be treated as a utility. It is a utility. The internet is the contemporary forum; its freedom means the freedom of press, association, and trade for millions of Americans. To allow major business interests to put up walls and tolls in the forum would strangle that freedom, and strangle the market which has flourished from it. I urge the FCC not to adopt this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,

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